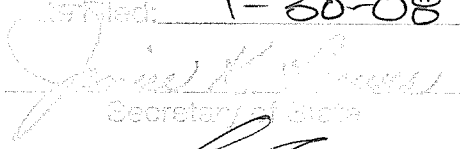



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN
THE STATE OF ARIZONA
AND
TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this date January 30th, 2008, pursuant to the Arizona Revised Statutes § 11-951 through 11-954, as amended, between the STATE OF ARIZONA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (the "State") and the TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK, acting by and through its Public Works Department (the "Local Agency"). The State and the Local Agency are collectively referred to as "Parties".

I. RECITALS

1. The State is empowered by Arizona Revised Statutes § 28-401 to enter into this Agreement and has delegated to the undersigned the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the State.

2. The Local Agency is empowered by Arizona Revised Statutes § 48-572 to enter into this Agreement and has by resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, resolved to enter into this Agreement and has authorized the undersigned to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Local Agency.

3. By order of 23 United States Code 151, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has implemented bridge inspection standards under 23 Code of Federal Regulations 650 subpart C, The National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The NBIS requires that State must inspect, or cause to be inspected, all highway bridges located on public roads, with some exceptions. The NBIS outline requirements for inspection frequency and procedures that each State's must follow, including routine, in-depth, underwater and fracture critical member inspections, load rating, and scour plans of action. Compliance with of the NBIS is a required component in order to be eligible for Federal-Aid Highway Bridge funding.

4. A Local Agency has the authority to perform NBIS inspections on its Public bridges. Currently, some local agencies throughout the State perform such inspections. This agreement does not preclude a local agency from requesting to perform NBIS inspections on its public bridges.

5. The Parties wish to promote consistent inspection methodologies throughout the State.

6. The State will cover the cost of Local Agency bridge inspections through adjusting the percentage of Federal bridge funding allocated to off-system Highway Bridges.

7. The State and the Local Agency wish to enter into an agreement whereby Local Agency authorizes State to perform NBIS inspections on bridges owned or controlled by the Local Agency.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed herein, it is agreed as follows.

II. DEFINITIONS

NBI Inventoried Bridge:

A structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet between undercopings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes; it may also include multiple pipes, where the clear distance between the openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening.

National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS):

Federal regulations establishing requirements for Inspection procedures, frequency of inspections, qualifications of personnel, inspection reports, and preparation and maintenance of a State bridge inventory. The NBIS apply to all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads.

Public Road;

Any road under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

1. The State will:

- a. Inspect NBI inventoried bridges owned by Local Agency according to the NBIS.
- b. Communicate with Local Agency on a timely basis and inform Local Agency of the start date of the bridge inspection; and offer to meet with the designated representatives of Local Agency to discuss the inspection.
- c. Forward the copies of completed bridge inspection report documents to the Local Agency in a timely manner, if other activities are undertaken by the State, forward the copies of the relevant documents generated for these tasks to the Local Agency.
- d. Record the updated Bridge Inspection data in the ADOT database and transmit annually to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- e. The State will not carry out any recommended maintenance or repair activities for Local Agency bridges.

2. The Local Agency will:

- a. Allow and authorize the State to inspect NBI inventoried bridges owned by Local Agency according to NBIS.
- b. Grant the State any necessary Rights of Entry or permits at no fee for the completion of the State's tasks under this Agreement.
- c. Provide the State all the necessary relevant information and documents such as copies of bridge plans, average daily traffic counts, known deficiencies of the existing structures and additions/deletions to its bridge inventory.
- d. Notify the State of all new or existing structures that may meet the NBI inventoried bridge definition. Also notify the State of any NBI inventoried bridge removal, transfer, or change of ownership.
- e. Provide traffic control at no fee during the bridge inspections by the State when necessary.

f. Once Local Agency performs the recommended repair work, forward the information and the completion date to the State.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. State may carry out its activities under this Agreement through consultants.
2. The State will not carry out any maintenance or repair activities for local agency bridges.
3. On its own discretion, Local Agency may accompany State or Consultant bridge inspection team to the bridge site and actively participate in the inspection or be an observer.
4. Local Agency may obtain a second opinion at Local Agency expense whenever it does not agree with the State's findings and recommendations for bridge maintenance or repairs. A second opinion shall be obtained by hiring qualified bridge inspection engineers to perform an inspection per NBIS and accepted bridge inspection procedures and practices and submit the completed bridge inspection documents to the State for review and acceptance. The State will make a final recommendation.
5. The Parties to this Agreement agree that neither party shall be indemnified or held harmless by the other party. However, the Parties further agree that each party shall be responsible for its own negligence. Neither the State, nor any of its officers, employees, or contractors shall be liable for any damage occurring to the Local Agency structure nor liability for any damages liability to third party unless the State or its officers, employees, or contractors cause the damages.
6. This Agreement shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.
7. This Agreement may be cancelled in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-511.
8. The Parties agree to submit any disputes arising under this Agreement to binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association; except that are parties to the dispute other than the State and City venue shall lie in Maricopa County Superior Court, Phoenix Arizona.
9. All notices or demands upon any party to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or sent by mail, addressed as follows:

Arizona Department of Transportation

Joint Project Administration
205 S. 17th Avenue, Mail Drop 616E
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
(602) 712-7525
(602) 712-7424 Fax

Queen Creek, Town of

Attn: Donald Noble, Public Works Director
22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, Arizona 85242
Phone # 480 358-3000
Fax # 480 358-3909

10. This Agreement is subject to all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disability Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213) and all applicable Federal regulations under the Act, including 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36. The parties to this Agreement shall comply with Executive Order Number 99-4 issued by the Governor of the State of Arizona and incorporated herein by reference regarding "Non-Discrimination".

11. Non-Availability of Funds: Fulfillment of the obligation of the State under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the performance of such obligations. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the State at the end of the period for which the funds are available. No liability shall

accrue to the State in the event this provision is exercised, and the State shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments as a result of termination under this paragraph.

12. In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 11-952 (D) attached hereto and incorporated herein is the written determination of each party's legal counsel and that the parties are authorized under the laws of this State to enter into this Agreement and that the Agreement is in proper form.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

LOCAL AGENCY

STATE OF ARIZONA

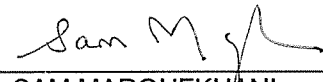
Department of Transportation

By



John Kross
TOWN MANAGER


By



SAM MAROUFKHANI
Deputy State Engineer, Development

ATTEST:

By



Jennifer Robinson
Clerk



Requesting Department:

Public Works

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
THROUGH: JOHN KROSS, AICP
TOWN MANAGER
FROM: DON NOBLE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
JANET MARTIN, PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE MANAGER *Jm*
RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN IGA
WITH ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2007

REC'D DEC 13 2007

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council approve the IGA with the Arizona Department of Transportation to allow them to perform bridge inspections of Town-owned structures.

Relevant Council Goal(s):

N/A.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to approve the IGA with Arizona Department of Transportation for bridge inspection services.

Discussion:

The Arizona Department of Transportation Bridge Group is responsible for inspecting bridges on the state highway system in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). Through agreements, ADOT also inspects bridges for local and county jurisdictions in Arizona. The NBIS sets the national standards for the proper safety inspection and evaluation of all highway bridges. Bridge inspection teams rate the components of a bridge, looking for cracks or other flaws on the bridge deck, substructure, and superstructure. Components needing repair or replacement are identified, and a sufficiency rating is given.

In the past, The Town of Queen Creek has retained ADOT to perform an inspection of our bridges every two years for a small fee of \$500 per structure. Recently, an appropriation was made at the federal level allocating funding for inspections by ADOT. As long as this funding is available, the State will provide inspection services at no cost

to the Town. However, if the federal government ceases to provide the funding for these services then the agreement terminates.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact related to the approval of this IGA.

Alternatives:

Deny approval of the agreement and continue to retain the services of a qualified firm to inspect the Town's bridges.

Attachments:

IGA between ADOT and the Town of Queen Creek.


IGA No.

ATTORNEY APPROVAL FORM FOR THE Town of Queen Creek


I have reviewed the above referenced Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, and the Town of Queen Creek, an Agreement among public agencies which, has been reviewed pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-951 through § 11-954 and declare this Agreement to be in proper form and within the powers and authority granted to the Town of Queen Creek under the laws of the State of Arizona.

No opinion is expressed as to the authority of the State to enter into this Agreement.

DATED this 19th day of December, 2007



Town of Queen Creek Attorney

<p>TERRY GODDARD Attorney General</p>	 <p>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF ARIZONA</p>	<p>CIVIL DIVISION TRANSPORTATION SECTION Writer's Direct Line: 602.542.8849 Facsimile: 602.542.3646 E-mail: Joe.Acosta@azag.gov</p>
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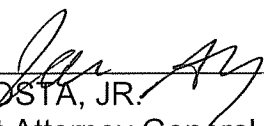
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
DETERMINATION

A.G. Contract No. P0012008000159-1 (**JPA 08-003-I**), an Agreement between public agencies, i.e., The State of Arizona and Town of Queen Creek, has been reviewed pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-952, as amended, by the Undersigned Assistant Attorney General who has determined that it is in the proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the State of Arizona.

No opinion is expressed as to the authority of the remaining Parties, other than the State or its agencies, to enter into said Agreement.

DATED: January 22, 2008

TERRY GODDARD
Attorney General



JOE ACOSTA, JR.
Assistant Attorney General
Transportation Section

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Attachment